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September 20, 1999

Jeff Leed
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Reading, PA 19610

Dear Mr. Leed:

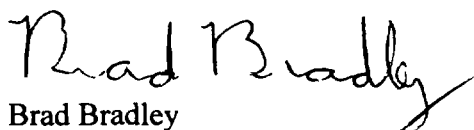
At your request, Sheri Bianchin and I are hereby providing comments, regarding well locations only, to the September 1999 "Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for Ground Water" for the NL Industries Site in Granite City, Illinois. These comments will be included in the final comments regarding this document at a later date.

The comments are as follows:

1. The well locations in Figure 2 are acceptable; however, additional well points or geoprobe sampling must be conducted further off-site such that the extent of lead contamination from the Taracorp pile can be determined. This is a requirement in the September 1995 Decision Document/Explanation of Significant Differences.
2. The well locations on Figure 3 should be moved to the approximate locations shown on Enclosure 1.
3. The well locations on Figure 4 should be moved to the approximate locations shown on Enclosure 2.
4. This comment is irrelevant to well locations, but is a major comment that we wanted you to be aware of. On Figure 6 (Schedule), per the Consent Decree, construction of the ground water containment system must be completed by 9/30/00. The schedule in Figure 6 is not consistent with this requirement.

We will submit final comments to you within two weeks. If you would like to set up a conference call to discuss the above comments, please contact Sheri at (312) 886-4742.

Sincerely,


Brad Bradley
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